

The regular meeting of the Walton Village Board was held on Monday, December 6, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 21 North Street, Walton.

Present: Edward H. Snow, Sr., Mayor
Trustees: Teresa O'Leary
Denise Church
Patrick Meredith
Andrew Rutherford

Attorney: David Merzig, not required to attend
Clerk: Jody Brown

Reporters: Glen Graves – Walton Reporter and T.J.E. Productions – Channel 23

Rev. Lisa Mayes of the United Presbyterian Church lead the invocation.

Mayor Edward H. Snow, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSTRACTS: The audit committee reviewed the abstracts and recommended approval as follows:
The General Fund Abstract in the sum of \$131,999.81 was presented to the Board.
The Water Fund Abstract in the sum of \$24,716.54 was presented to the Board.
The Wastewater Fund Abstract in the sum of \$169,044.18 was presented to the Board.
The Housing Rehab. Abstract in the sum of \$45,774.05 was presented to the Board.
The Capital Fund Abstract in the sum of \$195.00 was presented to the Board
After review, Denise Church made a motion to approve the abstracts as submitted. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

PUBLIC WORKS Roger Hoyt, DPW Superintendent, submitted a written monthly report for November 2010.

TOWN OF WALTON CREW Roger Hoyt mentioned that the Town DPW crew helped out with the Police Department foundation work. He said "Thank you" to Walt Giedel and crew for their assistance. The Village crew was working on two water main breaks. Mayor Snow stated that is was great that the two municipalities can work together. Sgt. Olsen also said "Thank you" to both crews for all the work on the new police station.

MARKS ENTERPRISES Roger Hoyt submitted an invoice from Marks Enterprises, Inc. to replace a pump frequency drive in Austin-Lincoln Well # 3. After discussion, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to have the clerk pay the invoice for \$4,614.00 to Marks Enterprises for the frequency drive replacement in Austin-Lincoln well #3. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY Sgt. Paul Olsen submitted his written monthly report for November 2010 to the Board.

NYS DOT TRAFFIC SIGNALS Sgt. Olsen received word from the New York State Dept. of Transportation that three green arrows will be removed: the corner of Stockton & Bridge, Bridge & Delaware, and Prospect & Delaware. Sgt. Olsen also mentioned that the complaints about the traffic signal on the corner of Townsend & Delaware have been passed on to the DOT.

AED DONATION The Walton Fire Department donated two AED units to the Village Police Department. Sgt. Olsen stated the cost of the units were probably over \$4,000.00. The Mayor and Sgt Olsen both thanked the Fire Department for their generosity and support.

SNOW REMOVAL Sgt. Olsen also reminded everyone that snow from shoveling and plowing of driveways cannot be put in the streets.

VILLAGE ENGINEER Dave Ohman of Delaware Engineering submitted a written monthly report for November 2010.

BIDS FOR PHASE II Dave Ohman asked for approval for the clerk to advertise for bids for the seconded phase of the construction of the new police station. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to have the clerk advertise for bid for phase II of the construction. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

NEW POLICE STATION FINANCING Phase I of the construction of the police station was financed from grant money from Senator Bonacic. The clerk asked for approval to work with bond council and get a B.A.N. in place for the financing of phase II. Denise Church made a motion to have the clerk finance \$200,000.00 for the second phase of the construction of the police station. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER A change order was submitted by V&H Builders for \$890.00 for purchase and installation of anti-freeze in the pex tubing and water heater system. This was originally was to be part of the second phase of construction. Andrew Rutherford made a motion to approve the change order of \$890.00 for antifreeze for the new police station construction. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.

SLUDGE HAULING BIDS The bid list was submitted to the Board. Andrew Rutherford made a motion to award the 2011 sludge hauling bid to Del-Ton Sanitation for \$12.50 a ton. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Stephen Dutcher, Code Enforcement Official submitted a written monthly report for November 2010. Building and/or sign permits issued during the month of November 2010 are as follows:

Vitti-Fetherston, Inc.	38 West St.	Fire Wall/Fire Suppression Hood
Tim Ludden	142 Townsend St	Deck
Jack Newkerk	3 Howell St.	Roof
David Stanton	277 Delaware St.	Outdoor Furnace
Thomas Batson	20 Howell St.	Roof
Nora Mosher	10 Garden St.	Install Pellet Stove

TRAINING COURSE Steve Dutcher submitted a request for training for the Basic Training Course for Code Enforcement in Montour Falls, NY on January 11-13, 2011. The cost will be \$145.00 plus travel. Denise Church made a motion approve the training course and have the clerk send a check. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.

SHARED SERVICES Steve Dutcher proposed entering into an agreement with the Town of Walton for usage of the Dog Control Truck for Village Code Enforcement. He proposed the Village paying for the miles he uses at the IRS approved rate. Andrew Rutherford made a motion to enter an agreement with the Town of Walton to pay mileage for the use of the dog control truck for code enforcement business if the Town is in agreement. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:
Teresa O'Leary – Covered with Department Heads.
Denise Church – Thanked the Police Department for their quick response to a gas leak.
Patrick Meredith – The Flood Commission will be making a report at the January meeting regarding the rating system of flood insurance.
Andrew Rutherford – No report

PUBLIC INPUT Mayor Snow laid down the ground rules for public input asking people to stand, identify themselves, and state their address. He gave each person five minutes and then opened the floor to the public.

SPEND A DAY IN WALTON Maureen Wacha of the Walton Chamber of Commerce stated that the annual Spend a Day in Walton was well attended and the Christmas Parade was larger than ever. She wanted to thank all who participated.

BENEFIT DANCE Maureen Wacha of the Walton Chamber of Commerce announced that there will be a Benefit Dance for the Walton Emergency Squad on December 18, 2010 from 7:00 – 10:30 pm in the Grange Hall.

SHEFFIELD ESTATES A letter from LJM Management Group regarding Sheffield Estates water and sewer billing was submitted to the Board. After discussion, no action was taken

- TIME WARNER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT** Mayor Snow presented the Time Warner revised franchise agreement to the Board. After discussion, Patrick Meredith made a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable, January 3, 2010 at 6:00 and have the clerk post the legal notice. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- LOWER BASSETT DECORATIONS** The Girl Scouts would like to put a Christmas tree in the gazebo. They would provide the tree and the decorations. Andrew Rutherford made a motion to allow Girl Scouts to put a Christmas tree in the gazebo at Lower Bassett Park. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- HEALTH INSURANCE** Mayor Snow submitted a Health Insurance proposal for an alternative to the current Teamster's insurance plan. This plan is through MVP and is a high deductible policy with the Village paying the deductible. The Village would save approximately \$36,000.00 and the employees would save \$9,600.00 annually. The Teamster's Union has rejected this insurance program. The Village could still save over \$25,000.00 if the remainder of the full-time employees were switched to the MVP plan. After discussion, Denise Church made a motion to switch health insurance carriers as stated. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- DELAWARE CTY. TPAS CONTRACT** The planning advisory contract from Delaware County was submitted to the Board. The cost for a year is \$3,500. Maureen Wacha, Acting Chairman of the Village ZBA, state that the training the ZBA has received has been invaluable. Denise Church made a motion to approve the contract with the Delaware County Planning Board. Teresa O'Leary seconded. Carried unanimously.
- VILLAGE ELECTION TRAINING** The clerk requested permission to attend a NYCOM training on Village Elections. The cost is \$60. Teresa O'Leary made a motion to allow Jody Brown to attend Village Elections training January 11, 2011 in Fishkill. Andrew Rutherford seconded. Carried unanimously.
- HOUSING REHAB. PROJECTS** Delaware Opportunities submitted two contracts for the Housing Rehabilitation Housing Program. After review, Teresa O'Leary made a motion to approve WVRCD-05 for \$24,550.00 and WVRCD-06 for \$23,750.00. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.
- MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Snow wanted to mention again about the professionalism and courteousness of the Walton Fire Dept. He and Sgt. Olsen were invited to attend the dinner before the meeting. Mayor Snow said "Thank you" to the Fire Dept. for the donation of the two AED units and for giving the Police Dept. a plaque for community service.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Teresa O'Leary made a motion to enter executive session to discuss possible litigation at 7:10 pm. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.
- Andrew Rutherford made a motion to close executive session at 7:18 p.m. Denise Church seconded. Carried unanimously.
- SNOW REMOVAL CODE** Mayor Snow asked the Code Enforcement Committee how the revised snow code was coming. Andrew Rutherford stated that the code that came back from the attorney did not reflect their intent for the new code. No new proposal was offered.
- MOTION TO ADJOURN** Denise Church made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Patrick Meredith seconded. Carried unanimously.
- NEXT MEETING** The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Monday, January 3, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall, 21 North Street.

Jody L. Brown
Clerk-Treasurer